

**LEON VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (LVEDC)
FAÇADE AND SIGNAGE PROGRAM**

GUIDELINES

PURPOSE: The Leon Valley Economic Development Corporation (LVEDC) Façade and Signage Program is designed to encourage the visual improvement and enhancement of façades and business signage for commercial and retail businesses in Leon Valley. The goal of the program is to promote a positive city image to increase economic stability for Leon Valley businesses.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW: The Façade and Signage Program is for sales tax generating retail and commercial business owners and building owners within the corporate limits of Leon Valley. Program funding is only for building exteriors and new signage.

Through the Façade and Signage Program, the LVEDC will provide up to a 50% matching grant (up to \$10,000) to business or building owners who construct eligible improvements to the façades of their buildings or repair/replace signs in conformance with the City of Leon Valley's sign requirements. The business or building owner who will be funding the majority of the improvements must apply for and be approved by the LVEDC in order to receive the 50% matching grant.

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- Grants will be given for exterior improvements; not interior improvements.
 - Project can include repair or replacement of canopies, awnings, roofs, glass and windows, entrance upgrades, façade painting, original exterior architectural feature repair or replacement, exterior brick veneers or treatments, improvements for ADA accessibility compliance, and general façade items.
- Grants will be given for signage -- signage repair or replacement.
- Grants will NOT be given for improvements or repairs, including signage that has already commenced.
- Grants will be provided for a 50% match, and will not exceed \$10,000.
- Applicants must be current in their payment of City utilities and local property taxes.
- Reimbursement will be made after the completion of the work specified in the application, upon evidence of paid receipts, and after the building improvements are inspected and passed by the City's building inspector.
- All building and signage enhancements must adhere to the City of Leon Valley building codes, zoning requirements, and Sustainability and Commercial Overlay Districts requirements.

APPLICATION PROCESS: Applications will be reviewed and evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Completeness of application – written description of work to be completed, cost estimate, photos of façade or sign to be repaired or improved
- Matching funds ratio (1:1 minimum; 2:1 or greater preferred)
- Amount and type of repair/replacement work to be done
- If applicant is leasing the property, applicant must obtain written permission or approval from the property owner regarding the proposed improvement.
- If the board does not approve an application, re-application for the same project will not be permitted for a period of six (6) months from the date of disapproval. A business may re-apply once for funding on a disapproved project.

- Applications must be submitted to:

Leon Valley Economic Development Corporation (LVEDC)
c/o Economic Development Department
6400 El Verde Road
Leon Valley, Texas 78238

This program does not create any type of indefinite relationship contractual or otherwise between the LVEDC, the City of Leon Valley and any of the participants or proposed participants in this program including third parties. Each Party making application herein understands funding for this program is at the sole discretion of the LVEDC. By participation in the program, each applicant shall be deemed to have voluntarily submitted to all program requirements without recourse including but not limited to the following: funding may be revoked at any time with or without notice at the sole discretion of the LVEDC board; eligibility requirements may be amended or modified; program rules may be amended or modified; and the LVEDC board may act in compliance with its stated purpose and mission in its sole discretion.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Below are the evaluation criteria that will be used to judge each of the submitted projects:

- Professional quality of design
- Matching funds ratio
- Proposed improvements are sufficient to improve the aesthetics of the structure/site
- Consistency of design with business activity and surrounding commercial structures
- Proposed improvements of property will impact revitalization efforts of the City